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TOPICS OF THE TIME.

The first colored man who ever passed an examination in the judicial department in New York has just been admitted to the bar by the supreme court of that state.

MR E. E CONKLIN, of the Knickerbocker Ice Company, has expressed to a reporter of the Albany Evening Journal the opinion that not less than 800,000 tons of last winter's ice harvest remain in the storehouses along the Hudson. The companies are building up all the ice they can find in expectation of an open winter. They make this prophecy boldly, for was not the wind in the South when the sun crossed the line? And isn't that an infallible sign that south winds will prevail during the next six months.

ABOUT 250 Norwegians left Chicago for New York a few days ago, there to take one of the Scandinavian line of steamers for Norwegian ports. About 200 of the excursionists came from Wisconsin, Dakota and Michigan, and about fifty are from Chicago. They all have return tickets limited to one year. Their object in visiting the old country is to spend the holidays with their relatives and friends, and if possible induce them to come out to this country. About 600 will leave on the 22d of this month, half of that number being already booked for passage.

MRS. ANNA M. Greene, widow of the late Nathan C. Greene, who was a son of the revolutionary Gen Greene, celebrated her one hundredth birthday at Newport, R. I., on the 9th inst. Her son, Prof. G. W. Greene, the poet, Longfellow's life-long friend, died last April while at work upon the poet's life in fulfilment of an agreement between the two that the one who died last should write the life of the other. Her other son, Dr. Greene, resides with her. Mrs. Greene enjoys the possession of all her faculties, and with glasses can read and write readily. Her mind and memory are as clear as ever.

THE London Times thinks that American counsel will not be allowed to appear in the trial of O'Donnell as advocates on the examination of witnesses. American lawyers may be of counsel, and may aid O'Donnell's British lawyers with their advice; but foreign counsel have never been allowed to appear as advocates in the British courts, and the Times says that no good reason has been shown why an exception to the rule should be made in this case. If there is any sound reason for making such an exception, it would be well for those who ask for it to state such reason and show what benefit to O'Donnell to justice, or to anybody it will be to have American lawyers appear before the court and jury.

LAST Saturday afternoon, while the City Register of Providence, R. I., was filling out certificates of vaccination for school children, a brawny young Irishman entered and asked for a certificate. The official examined his arm to see if the virus had done its work, made out the usual document, bade the Irishman good-day, and went on with his work. About fifteen minutes later he was surprised by the reentrance of the same young man, who asked: "Was it a smallpox certificate I gave me, I dunno?" "Yes," replied the register. "Well, then, can take it back and make out a bit of a marriage license, for it's meself that's been courting a fine young lass for seven months, and sure we want to settle down."

THE directors of Girard College, Philadelphia, are puzzled over an ancient sarcophagus which the Board of City Trusts, while examining the foundations of the main building recently, discovered in a damp, dark passageway. It is of granite, seven feet long, three feet wide and three feet high, seems to have been made in Egypt at some remote period and is in excellent preservation, except that a long crack mars the lid. None of the members of the board could remember having ever seen it before, until finally an old gentleman dimly recalled an impression that it was the tomb of an Egyptian monarch and had been presented to the college as a sarcophagus for the remains of Stephen Girard. An inquiry has been instituted as to the sarcophagus if it proves to have any historical interest it will hereafter occupy a more conspicuous position.

The chain-gang is likely, it seems, to come into the Georgia courts. A negro was sentenced to pay a fine of $10 or serve six months upon the public works. As the law permits, he hired himself out to a man who paid the fine. The man, however, tired of his bargain, and sold his contract to the lessees of the state convicts. These persons put fetters stripes upon the negro, his offence being only a misdemeanor. He brought suit for damages, making this one of the grounds of complaint, but as the principal ones a denial of the right to transfer and a charge of false imprisonment. Probably the destruction of the chain-gang system can only be had through an aroused public sentiment acting upon the legislature, but as an opposite of some of its iniquitous and outrageous features in court would help toward its downfall, and it is to be hoped this suit will not be hushed up before trial.

A RUSSIAN Jew, Solomon Schlegal by name, and only nineteen years old, the son of a watchmaker in Berditschen, has invented a watch which goes by electricity, and which is declared by Herr Chwolson, professor of physics at the university of St. Petersburg, to be an instrument of wonderful simplicity and value. In an article in The Nowosti, describing the invention, which he believes will revolutionize the manufacture of watches, Professor Cawolson says: "The watches are without any springs and consist solely of two wheels. Besides being true, they have the advantage of the second hand moving in single momentary leaps, as is usually the case only in very costly watches, and which is of the utmost utility for astronomical observations. These watches can also set themselves right certain number of watches of the same construction, so that they all keep exact time. The invention has convinced scientists that watches can be used for the purpose of telegraphy."

A WRITER in the Denver Inter-Ocean makes several strong points in support of his assertion that the United States Government is to blame as much as the Mormons for the existence and protection of polygamy in Utah since 1850. There was no provision against polygamy in the organic act of Utah which was passed by Congress and signed by President Fillmore in 1850. The President immediately afterward appointed Brigham Young as governor and several notorious polygamists as other territorial officers, and the United States Senate confirmed the appointments. When an act making polygamy a crime was passed in 1862, President Lincoln appoint Mormon three wives as District Attorney to enforce it. The writer so forcibly criticises the class of men sent to the territory to fill the government offices and charges a large proportion with being unprincipled and corrupt. It seems quite plain that no matter how many laws Congress may enact for the suppression of polygamy, nothing will be accomplished until men of honor and dignity are appointed to enforce such laws.

THE good people of Copenhagen, who are fond of their King and "the children," have had a feast of royalty this year. The summer palace of Fredensborg has seldom before housed so many distinguished guests. All of "the children" were there last month, the married daughters with their husbands and little ones. At that time the royal household, besides its regular occupants, the Czar of Russia and his lovely wife, the Prince of Wales and the Princess Alexandra with their flock of children, the King of Greece, the Duchess of Cumberland and her children and husband, and the Danish Crown Prince and his family. King Christian and Queen Louise dearly love these family gatherings, at which all formality is discarded, and the people, to whom the palace domain and gardens are always open, take a hearty interest in them without obtruding their loyalty unnecessarily. King Christian, who succeeded the throne under unfortunate circumstances and with the crown inherited an unjust and disastrous war, has become very popular among his subjects, as much for the sake of his children as for his own really excellent qualities as a ruler.

Odd Russian Heights.

Roguery is the last of trades.
Every fox praises his own tail.
A debt is adorned by payment.
A good beginning is half the work.
An old friend is better than two new ones.

When fish are fare, even a crab is a fish.

Every little frog is great in his own bog.

Trust in God, but do not stumble yourself.

Money is not God, but it shows great mercy.

If God don't forsake us the pigs will not take us.

Go after two wolves and you will not even catch one.

The deeper you hide anything the sooner you find it.

Ask a pig to dinner and he will put his feet on the table.

Be praised not for your ancestors, but for your virtues.

Never take a crooked path when you can see a straight one.

Disease comes in by hundred-weights and goes out by ounces.

Fear not the ignorance of the great but rather the tears of the poor.

A father's blessing cannot be drowned in water, nor consumed by fire.

A landlady went to market as usual one morning and encountered her clerk, an Irishman, who had been recommended for his intelligence in making bargains. "How are eggs to-day?" she asked blandly. "Sixteen, ma'am, but better than iver." "I mean how much are they a dozen?" "Fifty cents," said Pat, fanning herself with a bunch of radishes. "Fifty cents! why I can get them anywhere for twenty-five cents." "Av ye know ye are there, mum," mildly remonstrated the Irishman, "shtim's what we call extra eggs. There's a brace of fine chickens in very wan of them!"

A Bar-Room in Two States.

Hartford, (Conn.) Courant.

In Greenwich, in this state, under the street which divides New York State from Connecticut, Jeremiah Whalen has kept a liquor saloon for many years. The step that lead to the cellar from Connecticut, and it is a dispute' question whether the saloon itself is in Connecticut or New York. Whalen claims that it is in New York. Whalen was recently arrested for selling liquor without a license. The case was on trial before a justice and was taken up to a higher court. It presents some knotty questions for the lawyers to pick at and the Court to solve. The question must be definitely settled before the case can be decided, and that is, Where does the state line run? The cellar was dug in 1840, and has been used to evade the liquor law in both states It is claimed by those who ought to know that the cellar is partly in one state and part in the other, and that liquor can be sold there in either state at the option of the bar-tender. Recently a house was put up over the cellar, and so arranged that there is, as it is claimed, a bar-room in each state.

GIRLS IN INDIA.—The girls have an interesting time of it in India. Very often girls are married at the age of three years, and should the boy to whom they were wedded die just the day the infant is declared a perpetuate widow, and may not marry again though she lives to be ninety years old. They do not think very much of woman over there, anyway.

A little anecdote in which the wife of Gen. Crook played a part went the rounds of the newspapers while she was still in her school days. On his way to Wheeling in a private car, President Buchanan made the usual wait at Oakland Station, where many persons assembled to be presented to the chief magistrate. When Mary's turn came, requesting a certificate of her husband's death. The latter was placed in the hands of the Judge Commissioner, authorities, and the Sheriff proceeded to Michigan and arrested Mr. Wyler. The family are Poles. The woman is only 22 years of age.

Dundee's Tragedy.

A terrible tragedy occurred at Dundee, Monroe county, on the 10th inst., resulting in the death of Burt Rose, a laborer, whose home is in Toledo, and who has been near the village some time. It appears that a man named John Garver was temporarily boarding out for a Dundee village dealer, and refused to give Rose a drink, believing he had too much already. This angered Rose, who became very abusive, but subsequently the two men became friendly, drank together, and attended an entertainment at the village hall or opera house, and seemed on good terms. Here Rose renewed his assaults on Garver, who tried to avoid the trouble by quitting their place of ball. After the show the two men met in the street and came to blows, and it is alleged that Rose was the aggressor, he had that night boasted of his born name Gear. A knock-down ensued, the same blow had down being Rose, and as Garver was on the ground he drew a pocket knife and made eight stabs, during which Rose was heard to cry, "Stop, Jack, I'm stabbed!" Garver gave himself up, and was taken to Monroe and arraigned before Justice Wade, who was informed by his mother while attending under a capias for disorderly. Mrs. Lingenfelter, who testified that Garver had told her that he was all he obliged to stand a serial or not. Rose died in about an hour after.

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Barney Cunningham, schoolcraft, a sailor, established to be an escaped convict was found murdered in his room the other afternoon. Inquiry in a point of blood with his head cut in two, was suddenly done by some sharp instrument. A description of the supposed murderer was helpful and to the number of a low shanty in Lorenzo Ferguson, of Texas township, was arrested. He claims that he left his old quarters on them and he admitted staying with Cunningham the night before.

George Mayotte head sawyer in Geo C. Meyers' mill at Bay City met with a horrible death the other day. He was standing on the circular saw carriage engaged in placing a board on the carriage, when the saw, by a temporary stoppage of sawing, and in some manner the lever of the carriage set in motion and carried him into the saw, he was only living saw. His entire body above the waist was sawed into an unrecognizable mass. A coroner's jury rendered a verdict of accidental death. Deceased was about 30 years of age, and leaves a widow and one child.

Schuyler F. Seager, of the plight lights in Detroit, died of typhoid fever at his home in Lansing a few days ago of typhoid fever.

In the matter of the inquest on Frank Lungenbach, the child who was poisoned by the mother at Ann Arbor, on the night of Sunday, November 3, the jury returned a verdict that death came to the child from poison administered by his mother while labouring under a temporary depredation. Mrs. Lungenbach is still in jail awaiting her trial. It is said she will be obliged to stand a trial or not.

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A lady returning to the street cars in Bay City, and found a bear.

"Didn't Know It was Loaded."

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Twenty-Four O'clock.

Philadelphia Times.

A peculiar clock, which marks the hours from 1 to 24, has recently been completed by a Wilmington watchmaker. The new time piece is of the kind soon to be adopted by several of the railroads. The most conspicuous innovations are in the marking upon dial and in the movement of the wheels which run the hands. The minute hand, instead of making twelve revolutions to every revolution of the hour hand, as in the ordinary clock, makes twenty-four revolutions while the hour hand passes around once.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

WASHINGTON.

KILBOURNE WINS.

The jury in the case of Hallet Kilbourne vs. John G. Thomas for $250,000 for false imprisonment, returned a verdict of $60,000 for plaintiff. A motion for a new trial was made by the defense.

AN AMENDMENT.

The President has so amended the civil service rule No. 1 that it now distinctly prohibits the soliciting of money in every department and in every post-office and customs office, including any discrimination in selection for appointment based on any political or religious opinion or affiliation.

WILL INTEREST OFF.

Argument has been commenced in the supreme court sitting in banc of the last Sitting. Ann Dyer of Louisville for a decree of settling aside the will by which Mrs. Dyer's $1,000,000 goes to Dr. Fred Dwyer. It is maintained that the testator was subject to undue influence.

LOTTERIES.

THE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS have addressed a letter to the postmaster general, calling his attention to the fact that, notwithstanding the sale of lottery tickets in Washington, because of the peculiar wording of the law, and also because upon comes as the enactment of a law that will accomplish the proper object sought. They also say that the publication by newspapers of such advertisements tends to remind the people that a lottery ticket may be purchased, and that such papers be excluded from the mails. They state that the operators of lottery, as a class are lawbreakers, and hope that some department will be found to prevent them from indulging in the pernicious practice.

A DISHONEST GOVERNMENT.

Secretary Teller, in his forthcoming report, will show how the government dishonestly disregards its treaty obligations and how some of the different tribes of Indians. Money is due and unpaid to the Sioux alone for school purposes, under the treaty of 1868 over $1,000,000. By that treaty the United States agreed to support a school for every thirty children, which has not been done. This money was in consideration to the Indians for relinquishing their land, and the Teller book by many and well known great men is honestly due the Indian school purposes. Again, there are 2,000 families who, under the treaty, should have received a cow, a yoke of oxen, and $100 worth of tools, because they have settled down and acquired, but none of these things have been given them, because they failed to provide the means. All the information necessary to show the dishonesty of the proceedings has will be laid before Congress this winter, where it will be made a matter of record.

NEWS NOTES.

DEAD'S SANTINES.

O'Donovan Rossa's gang of blood-thirsty devils were in session in New York the morning of the dynamite outrages in London, Speeches expressing the sentiments of the gang were made. Rossa just mouthed the sentiments of the gang. He said: "I am glad to see yesterday in the underground railway in London, we have shown the English brotherhood, of whose movements he is apprised, that we are ready to follow, he said the lead, indeed, England gave the lead. The Fenian movements might be expected at any moment, for it was now the place and time for the brotherhood to rescue England to submission.

DANGEROUS STEEPLE DOWNSIDE.

Geo C. Ruggles, who was killed yesterday at Ringtel in crossing a telegraph on the Wabash and Pacific Canal, a few miles below Fort Wayne, Ind. The accident occurred the bridge, which was partially washed out. The wagon with the occupants plunged into the canal, and the father was saved by the bank with his wife. The children were drowned. The wife was in a dying condition. The bodies were found by the boy, who, going to the water were to her aid. Both were drowned.

DESTRUCTIVE BLAZES.

A fire broke out in a large warehouse in Atlanta, Ga., on the 12th inst., and before it was subdued, $100,000 worth of property was destroyed. The building was owned by Inman Brothers, and was occupied by Inman Brothers, Sloan & Co., and Hunnicutt & Co. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The fire originated in the basement of the building, and was supposed to have been the work of incendiaries.

A SOUNDBED CASUALTY.

Edward B. Combs is a brakeman on the Lake Shore Railroad, and lives in Cleveland, Ohio, is a well trial in the United States, and is charged with selling obscene matter through the mail. He confesses that he sold the matter, but lead letters to editors ladies of eminent respectability filling the place of the author of the obscene. Some of these letters were given to the Cleveland Leader. With much difficulty he was arrested in Toledo, examined before Justice Bissell, and bound over in the sum of $1,000 of bail. He claims he was not in his right mind when he did the deed, and that he sold the immorally foul publications, and represented that he was a retained sensualist of various women of high rank in Europe. He says he represents and asks apologies to the ladies for the publication of his name. He is middle-aged and has a wife and children in Lorraine.

THE WAY OF THE TRANSGRESSOR IS HARD.

Nathan Gibbs, the city Market Master of Dayton, Ohio, who for years has been a leading white and fine away, with a frail, but pretty wife, named Clara Fredricks, who was the wife of the city's mother, was brought back to Dayton from Cincinnati, where he had been for some time, and Gibbs and Miss Fredricks had spent the time in Cincinnati. Gibbs attributes his fall from grace to the influence of the Fredricks clock family. When he got home he was in a state of intoxication, and was put in jail, where he grew worse and worse, and finally died in the jail in the presence of his wife and aged mother. The physician who attended him attributes his death to acute mania, brought on by exposure and trouble. His death was terrible, the great veins on his forehead actually burst, and he died in the throes of delirium tremens. The wife